

Grant Applications

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Many thanks are due to our biologists, Many Waters. Through their efforts the CCROA obtained a new grant through the Wisconsin DNR for the 2023-24-25 period. This grant replaces the previous grant that expired during the 2022 season. The new grant covers CCROA AIS and water quality expenditures on the Wisconsin side of Mamie, West Bay and Big Lakes for a total of \$154,500 of which we get reimbursed 75% or \$115,900, all this spread over the 3 years. In applying for this grant last year, the ISCCW wrote a nice letter to the WDNR saying that the ISCCW partners with the CCROA in providing boat inspection and washing services for free to the CCROA at the Wisconsin-based public landing on Palmer Bay in Big Lake. These services are valued at some \$9,500 annually, of which the CCROA will receive \$7,140 in reimbursement under the grant. The CCROA will contact the ISCCW at the end of this 2023 season, say mid-October, and the ISCCW will issue the CCROA a letter documenting the total number of days and hours they were present on Palmer Bay. We thank the ISCCW for this support.

We have applied for and received a \$25,000 prepayment for this season's work. We will also receive \$8,400 for the 2022 season covered under the previous WDNR grant. We were not successful in fully using this grant, leaving \$7,100 to expire. This was due largely to lower than expected EWM hand-pulling services from APM as they were unable to hire the necessary people to do the work.

This grant money will enable the CCROA to not assess riparian owners the \$100 assessment for a second year.